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I ONCE SAVED A CAT
FROM A TREE.

MY SISTER'S KITTEN HAD
GOTTEN ITSELF STUCK UP AN
OLD WHITE OAK STRETCHING
OVER ELBOW RIVER.

LENA'S INCESSANT
PLEADING MOTIVATED ME
TO CLIMB TO THE RESCUE.

WHEN I REACHED OUT TO
HELP THE TRAPPED ANIMAL,
IT DID WHAT MOST TRAPPED
ANIMALS DO: IT LASHED OUT.

IT SCRATCHED
ME.

SO I THREW IT
INTO THE RIVER.

IT DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND.

I WAS ONLY TRYING
TO SAVE IT.



WHAT'S THE
STORY OF MY
SUCCESS?

YOU CAN **SEE** THE STORY OF IT UNFOLD ACROSS THE METROPOLIS SKYLINE WITH EVERY BUILDING I'VE CONSTRUCTED, RENOVATED AND ACQUIRED.

NOW THAT I'VE BEEN CLEARED OF ALL WRONGDOINGS, **NINETY PERCENT** OF EVERYTHING YOU SEE BELONGS TO LEXCORP ONCE MORE.

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE FLYING HIGH AGAIN.

DO YOU LIKE TO FLY, THOMAS?

I MUST ADMIT, I DON'T DO IT A LOT. I'VE NEVER EVEN BEEN IN A HELICOPTER BEFORE.

AND YOU'VE BARELY TRAVELED OUTSIDE OF CHICAGO.

BUT YOU AND I ARE GOING TO CHANGE THAT NOW, THOMAS, **AREN'T WE?**

AS I SAID ON THE PHONE, I'M FLATTERED BY THE OFFER AND I APPRECIATE THE MEETING, BUT I CAN'T SELL TO YOU, MR. LUTHOR.

MY GRANDFATHER BUILT THIS COMPANY. MY MOTHER RAN IT, NOW I DO. AND ONE DAY MY SON WILL.

WHY ARE YOU SO INTERESTED IN IT, ANYWAY?

I'M OFFERING YOU THE **CHANCE** OF A LIFETIME, THOMAS. I'LL PAY TWICE WHAT IT'S WORTH.

IN CASH.

YOU CAN RETIRE **EARLY**, FORGET ABOUT TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT, WHICH FOR YOU IS BREAK EVEN **AT BEST**, AND FOCUS ON YOUR FAMILY.

KORD INDUSTRIES IS MY FAMILY.

I CAN'T SELL. I WON'T.

DID YOU KNOW MOST PEOPLE MISTAKENLY ATTRIBUTE THE PHRASE "**SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST**" TO CHARLES DARWIN, WHEN IN TRUTH IT WAS COINED BY PHILOSOPHER HERBERT SPENCER, WHO UPON HIS ANALYSIS OF DARWIN'S "**ON THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES**" EXTENDED THOSE THEORIES TO ALL LEVELS OF LIFE, LIKE ECONOMICS.

WHAT?

A LOT OF PEOPLE **FALL OFF** OF THESE HELICOPTERS.

EXCUSE ME?

ACCIDENTS HAPPEN, THOMAS.

ACCIDENTS **DO** HAPPEN, MR. LUTHOR.

ARE YOU ACTUALLY THREATENING ME?



NO. NO.
THOMAS.

PLEASE, DON'T
MISUNDERSTAND ME.
I'M *NOT* THREATENING
YOU.

I'M
THREATENING
YOUR *ENTIRE*
FAMILY.



IN THE WAKE OF YOUR
UNFORTUNATE DEATH, I WILL
DISSOLVE YOUR COMPANY,
ALONG WITH YOUR EMPLOYEES'
PENSIONS, AFTER THE FEDERAL
AUTHORITIES UNCOVER
EVIDENCE OF YOUR
MISCONDUCT--

--AND AUCTION OFF
YOUR GRANDFATHER'S
LEGACY FOR PENNIES
ON THE DOLLAR.

YOU...YOU
CAN'T--

I WILL TURN
YOUR *SON* INTO
AN *ADDICT* AND HAVE
HIM *TOSS*ED OUT OF
NORTHWESTERN AND
ONTO THE
STREETS.



THEN I WILL
INTRODUCE YOUR *LOVELY*
WIFE TO A *WONDERFUL* MAN
WHO WILL WIN HER BROKEN
HEART--AND ULTIMATELY *LEAVE*
HER THE DAY YOUR SON
OVERDOSES AND *DIES*.

IT'S ENOUGH
TO DRIVE ANYONE
TO TAKE THEIR
OWN LIFE.

I'VE SEEN
IT HAPPEN
BEFORE.

IT'S
TRAGIC.

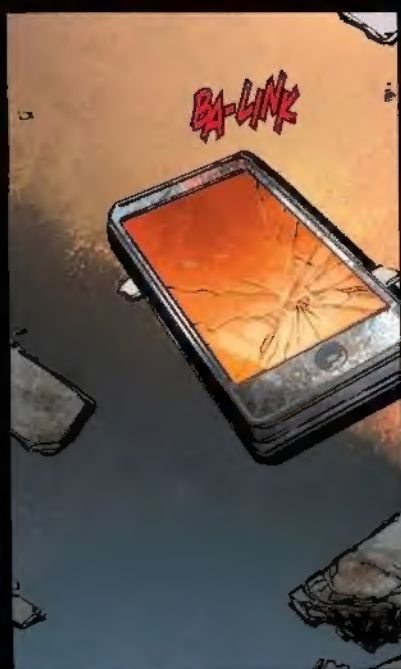


DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
ME *NOW*,
MR. KORD?

WE HAVE
A *PROBLEM*,
MR. LUTHOR!









Arkham Asylum - Gotham

Belle Reve Prison - Louisiana

I'M
ALREADY
EN ROUTE,
GRID.

Blackgate Prison - Gotham

GOTHAM IS
NEXT TO GO
OFF-LINE.

Badview Penitentiary - Philadelphia

Iron Heights Prison

Stryker's Island - Metropolis



WE WILL HAVE
WORLDWIDE POWER
AND COMMUNICATIONS
CONTROL WITHIN
THE HOUR.



HAVE A
NICE DAY.



WELCOME
BACK HOME,
NIGHTWING.

YOU
TRACKED ME
COMING IN.

YES, AND
IF I DID--

BATMAN
DID. I KNOW.

I'M ONLY
HERE TO DROP
MR. ZSASZ OFF, THEN
I'M HEADING BACK
TO CHICAGO.

WHAT WAS
ZSASZ DOING
THERE?

PLAYING
TIC-TAC-TOE ON HIS
FOREARM. A VICTIM FOR
EACH SLASH. WHY?
I DON'T KNOW.

I'LL NEVER
UNDERSTAND HOW THE
MIND OF A LUNATIC
WORKS.

YOU SAY THAT
AS IF YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT SOMEONE
ELSE.

THERE
ARE A LOT OF
LUNATICS IN
GOTHAM.

WE'VE ALL GONE
THROUGH TOO MUCH,
ESPECIALLY LATELY,
TO LET SOMETHING AS
ERRONEOUS AS JOKER'S
LIES KEEP US AWAY
FROM BRUCE.

LET'S MEET WITHOUT
THE MASKS. IT'S
ALWAYS BETTER
THAT WAY.

LESS
PRESSURE
TO LIVE UP TO
BRUCE THAN
TO BATMAN.



FOR ME,
YOU MEAN?

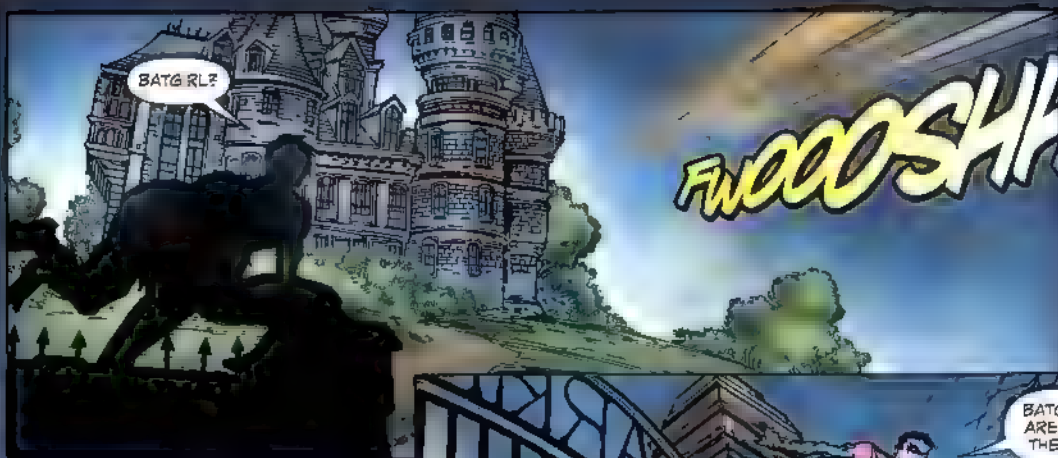
FOR ALL
OF US--



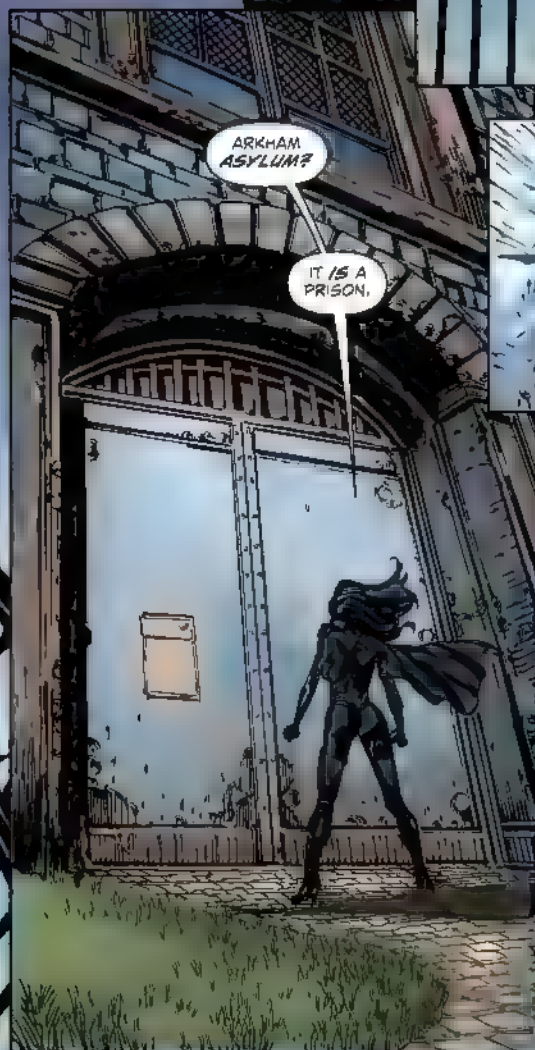
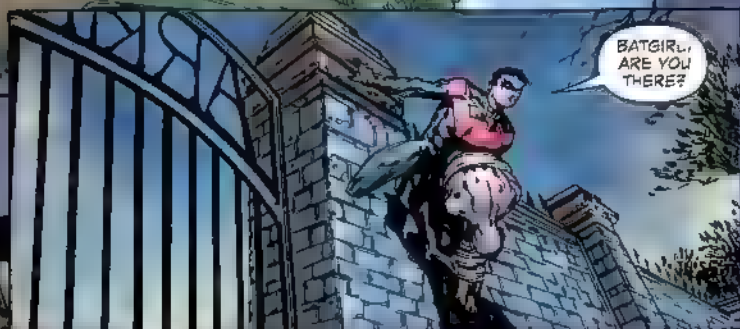
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WORLD IS
OURS.



AAHH!



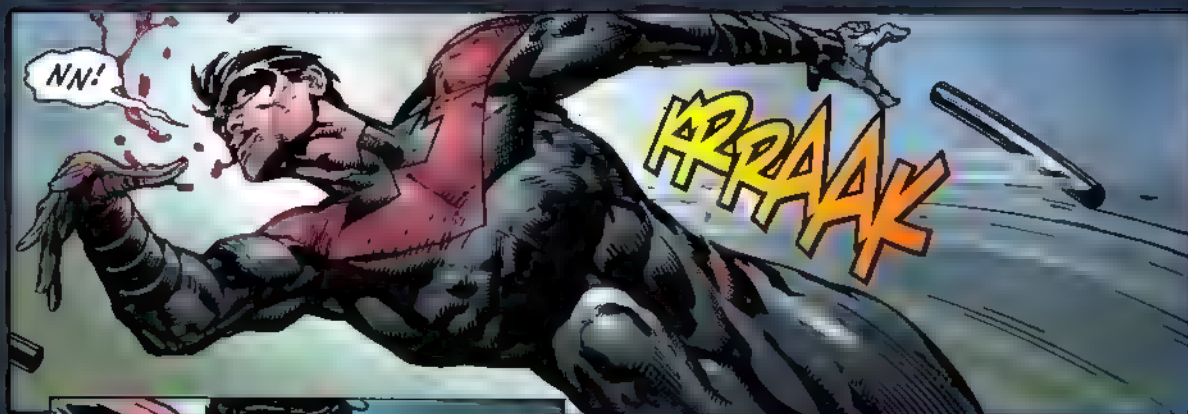
FWOOOSH!



BATGIRL, IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, I'VE GOT MAJOR TROUBLE AT ARKHAM. SOMEONE JUST RIPPED IT OPEN WITH THEIR BARE HANDS.

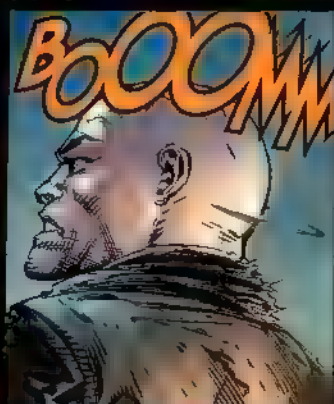
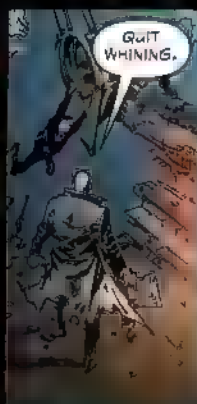
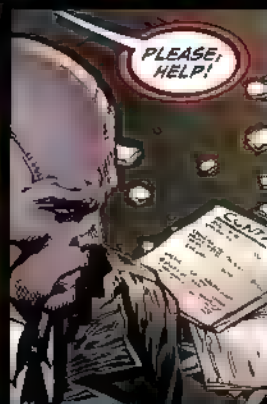
HAVE BATMAN ALERT THE LEAGUE. I'M GOING TO SEE WHAT I CAN--





HE WILL DO.

'HELP!'



KRAK OOM

AAAAHHH!

HEEEELP!

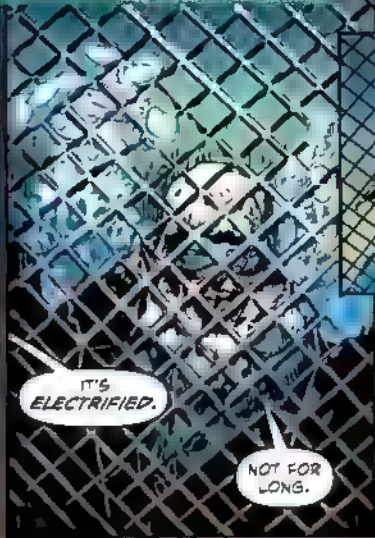
SPLIT

**WHERE
THE HELL
IS IT?**

SUPERMAN?

YES.

**"DON'T
TOUCH IT!"**



IT'S ELECTRIFIED.

NOT FOR LONG.



KA-RING



DAMMIT.

KRRING



I WAS TRYING TO FREEZE THE FENCE, NOT SINK THE TITANIC.

HERE, COLD. I CAN MELT THROUGH IT.



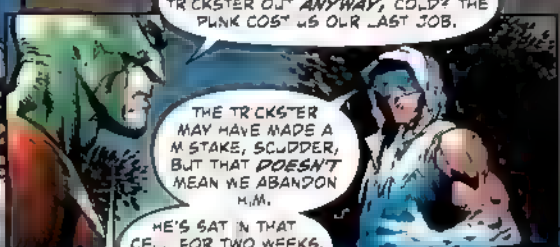
FWAAASH

THESE DAMN POWERS ARE MORE TROUBLE THAN THEY'RE WORTH.

NEED I REMIND YOU, COLD, THESE POWERS ARE YOUR FAULT. I WAS PERFECTLY HAPPY HAVING A HAND, NOW THE THUNDER-CLOUDS TALK TO ME, BEGGING ME TO LET THEM RAIN.

AH! CAREFUL, MEATWAVE! YOU'RE GOING TO SINGE MY EYEBROWS OFF AGAIN.

YOU'RE STARTING TO SOUND ARKHAM CRAZY, WEATHER WIZARD.



WHY ARE WE BREAKING INTO IRON HEIGHTS TO GET THE TRUCKSTER OUT ANYWAY, COLD? THE PUNK COST US OUR LAST JOB.

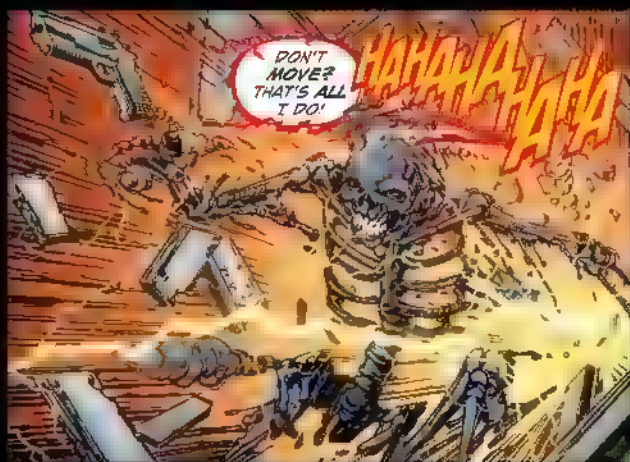
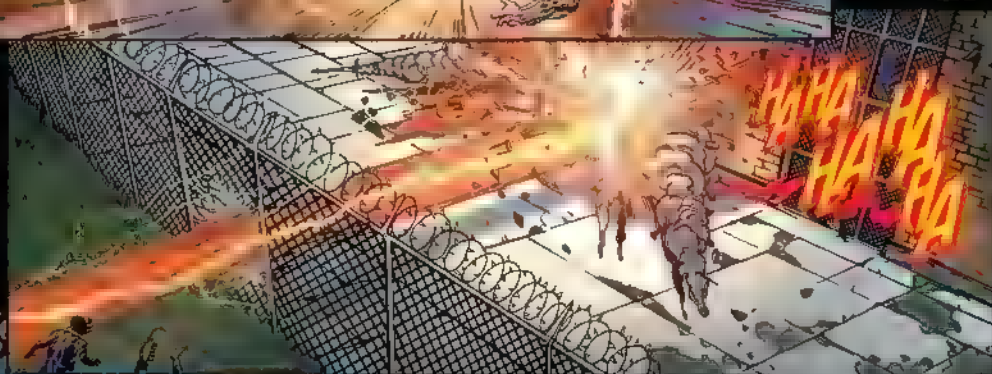
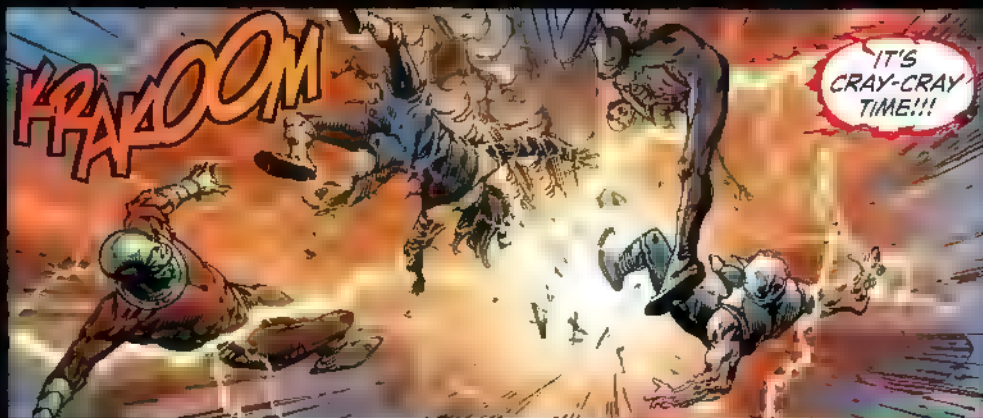
THE TRUCKSTER MAY HAVE MADE A MISTAKE, SCUDDER, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE ABANDON HIM.

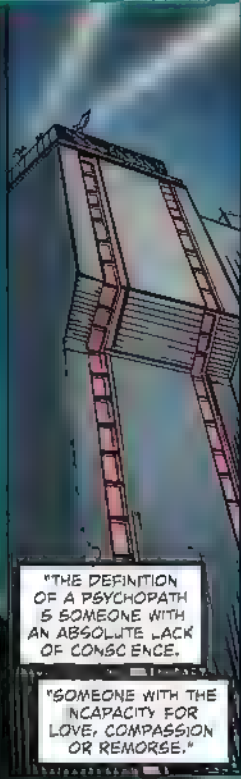
HE'S SAT IN THAT CELL FOR TWO WEEKS. THE KIDS LEARNED SOMETHING.

BUT--

THE ROUGES TAKE CARE OF ONE ANOTHER, A RRROR MASTER.

NO MATTER WHAT.



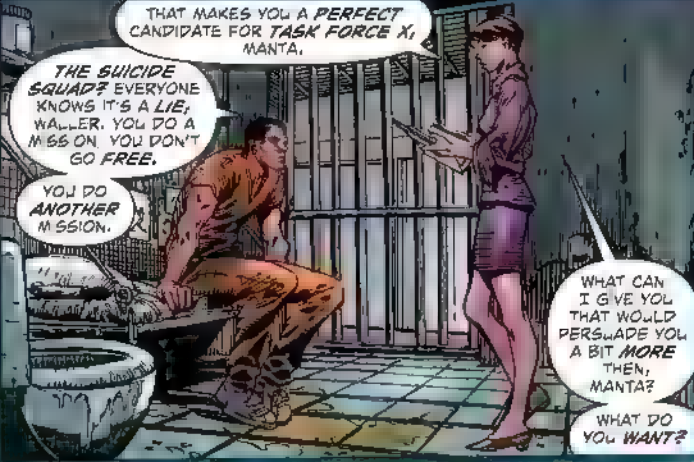


"THE DEFINITION OF A PSYCHOPATH IS SOMEONE WITH AN ABSOLUTE LACK OF CONSCIENCE."

"SOMEONE WITH THE INCAPACITY FOR LOVE, COMPASSION OR REMORSE."



YOU'RE ALL THOSE, PLUS A WHIZ WITH A FISHING KNIFE.



THE SUICIDE SQUAD? EVERYONE KNOWS IT'S A LIE, WALLER. YOU DO A MISSION YOU DON'T GO FREE.

YOU DO ANOTHER MISSION.

THAT MAKES YOU A PERFECT CANDIDATE FOR TASK FORCE X, MANTA.

WHAT CAN I GIVE YOU THAT WOULD PERSUADE YOU A BIT MORE THEN, MANTA?

WHAT DO YOU WANT?



THE ONLY THING I WANT IS THE DEATH OF AQUAMAN.



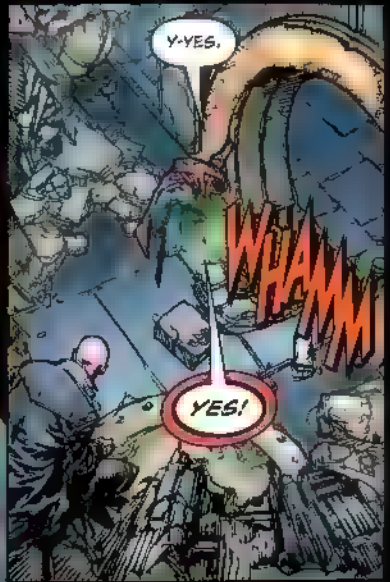
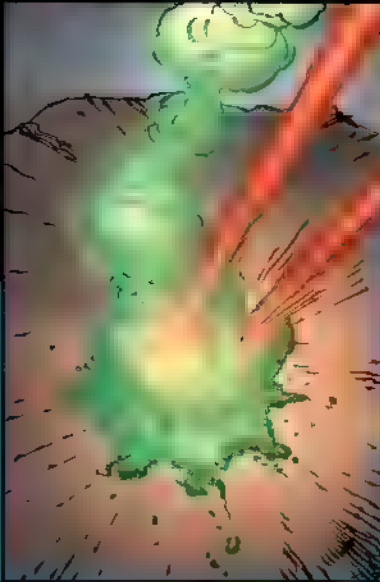
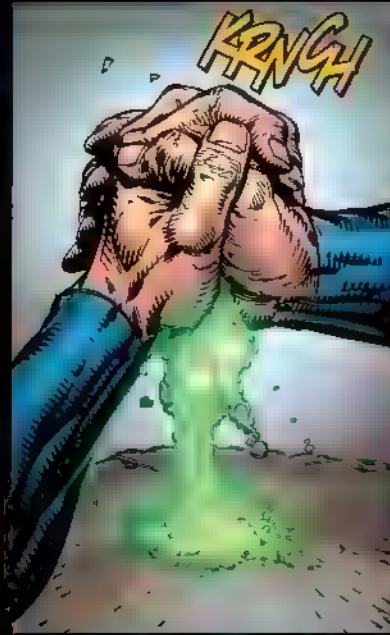
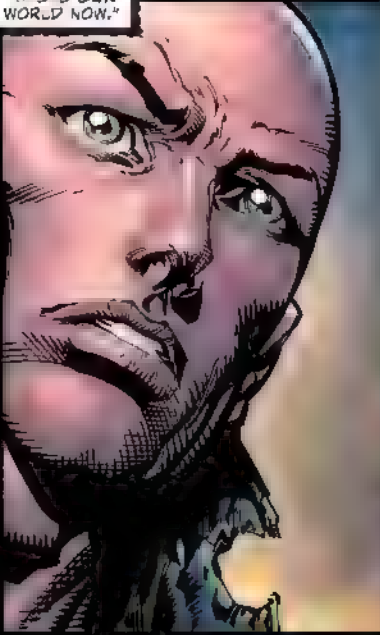
STOP HESITATING. WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO WASTE. THERE ARE STILL DOZENS OF PRISONS TO OPEN UP.

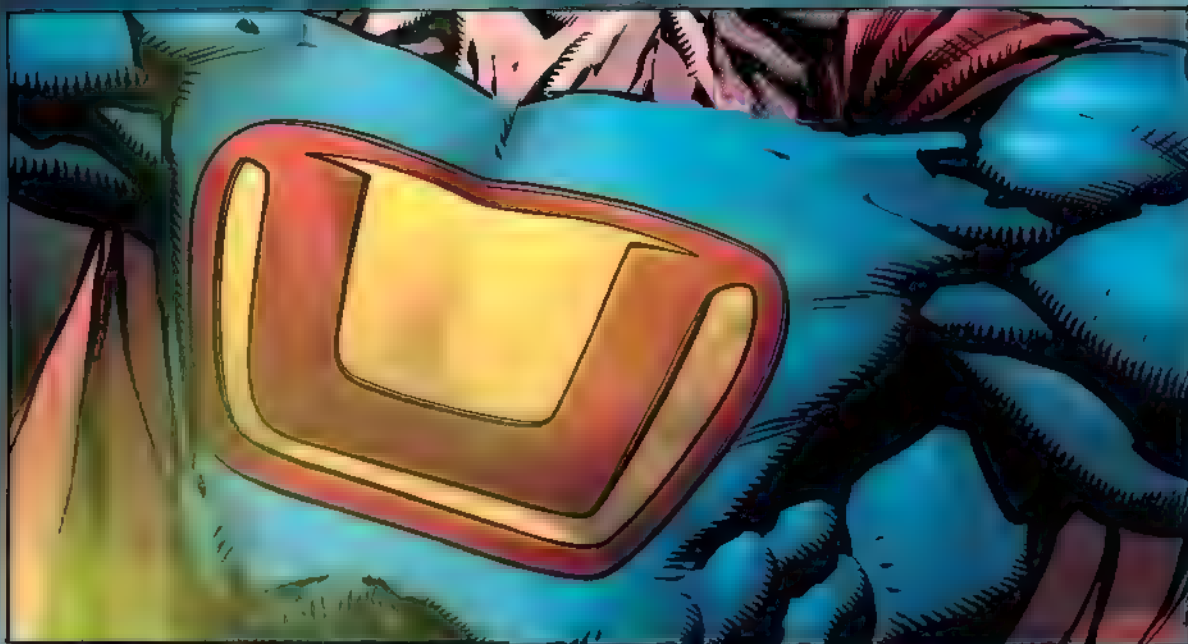


I JUST WANT TO GET THIS OVER WITH AND GET B-BACK.

THERE IS NOTHING TO BE FRIGHTENED OF, BOY.

"THIS IS OUR
WORLD NOW."



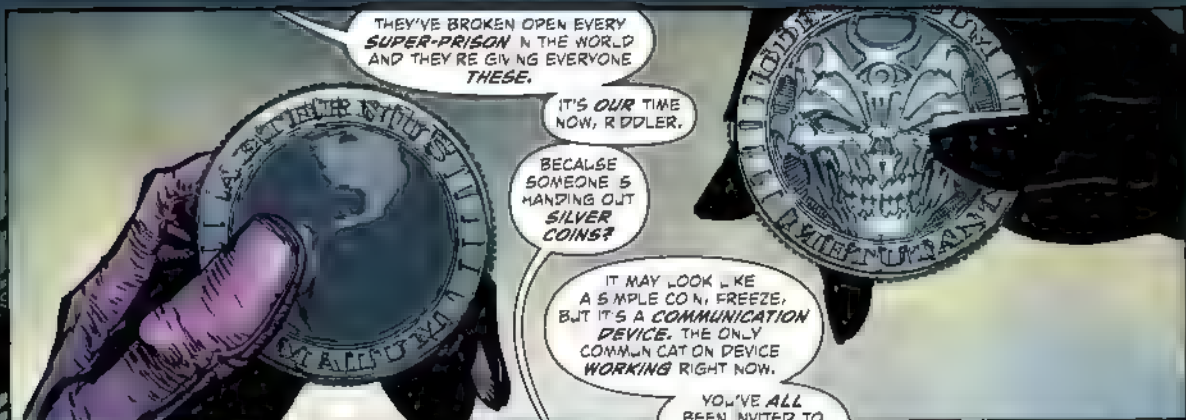


GRID,
TRACK DOWN THE
OTHER LOCATIONS
OF KRYPTONITE.

AND
TELL NO ONE
ELSE.



"THIS WORLD IS
ALL OF OURS."



THEY'VE BROKEN OPEN EVERY
SUPER-PRISON IN THE WORLD
AND THEY'RE GIVING EVERYONE
THESE.

IT'S **OUR TIME**
NOW, **R DDLER.**

BECAUSE
SOMEONE'S
HANDING OUT
SILVER COINS?

IT MAY LOOK LIKE
A SIMPLE COIN, FREEZE,
BUT IT'S A **COMMUNICATION**
DEVICE. THE ONLY
COMMUNICATION DEVICE
WORKING RIGHT NOW.

YOU'VE ALL
BEEN INVITED TO
JOIN THE **SECRET**
SOCIETY.

THE EARTH ON
IT'S **BACKWARDS**,
SCARECROW. WHERE
ARE THESE COINS
FROM?

WHO CARES
WHERE THEY'RE FROM?
WE SHOULD ALL GO OUR
OWN WAY WHILE WE HAVE
THE CHANCE.

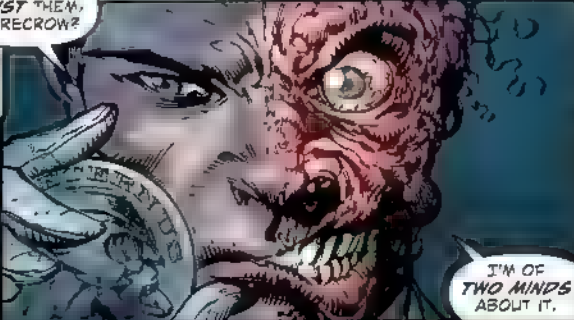
WHOEVER'S
PUTTING THE **SECRET**
SOCIETY TOGETHER...
BATMAN AND THE
JUSTICE LEAGUE WILL
STOP THEM.

OH, NO,
IVY.

NO, THEY
WON'T.

NOW WE NEED TO
LISTEN TO THE COINS
AND GO WHERE THEY
ASK US TO.

BUT CAN WE
TRUST THEM,
SCARECROW?



I'M OF
TWO MINDS
ABOUT IT.



OF COURSE
HE IS.

RIDDLE ME **THIS**
THEN, TWO-FACE.
ARE YOU **IN** OR ARE
YOU **OUT?**



PLING



"I'M IN."

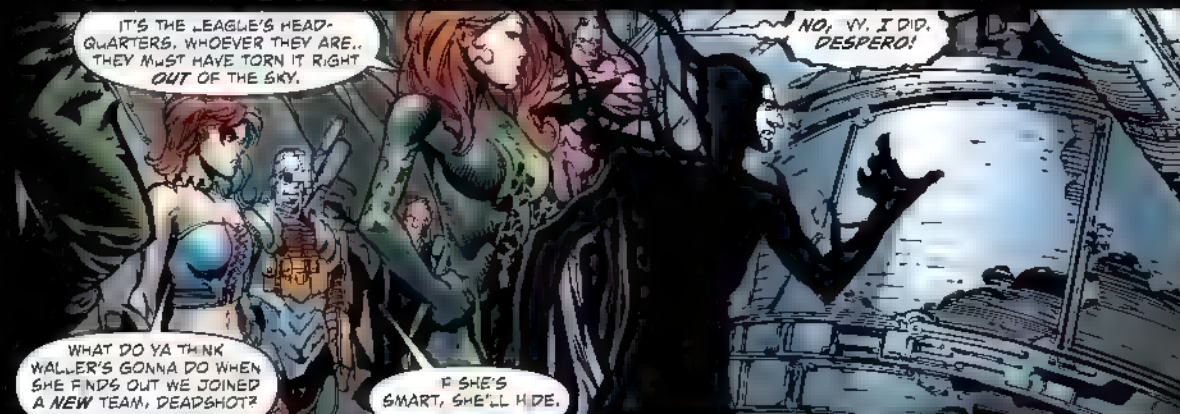
HAPPY HARBOR, RHODE ISLAND.



"WE'RE
ALL N°"





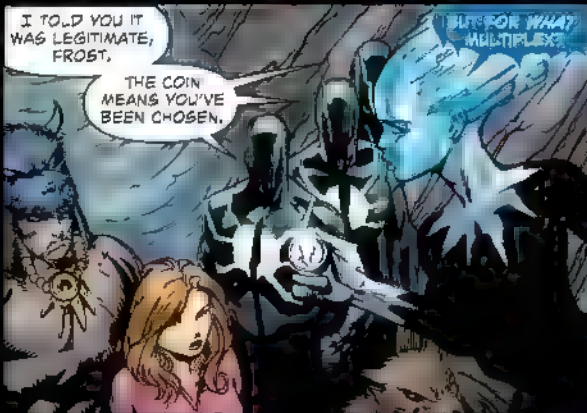


IT'S THE LEAGUE'S HEAD-
QUARTERS. WHOEVER THEY ARE..
THEY MUST HAVE TORN IT RIGHT
OUT OF THE SKY.

NO, Y. I DID.
DESPERO!

WHAT DO YA THINK
WALLER'S GONNA DO WHEN
SHE FINDS OUT WE JOINED
A NEW TEAM, DEADSHOT?

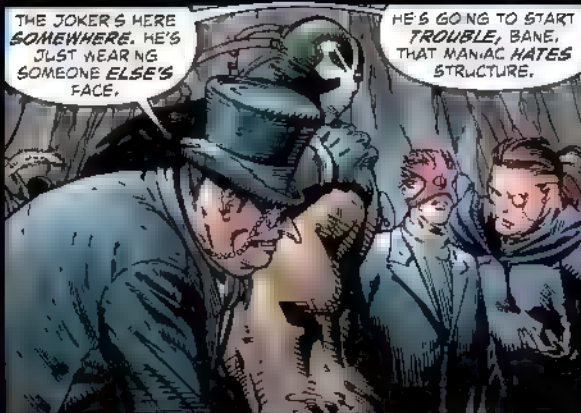
IF SHE'S
SMART, SHE'LL HIDE.



I TOLD YOU IT
WAS LEGITIMATE,
FROST.

THE COIN
MEANS YOU'VE
BEEN CHOSEN.

BUT FOR WHAT
MULTIFLEX?



THE JOKER'S HERE
SOMEWHERE. HE'S
JUST WEARING
SOMEONE ELSE'S
FACE.

HE'S GOING TO START
TROUBLE, BANE.
THAT MANIAC HATES
STRUCTURE.

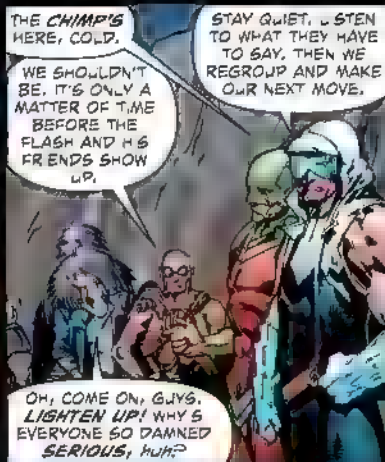


IF THE JOKER
STARTS ANYTHING,
PENGUIN, I'LL
BREAK HIM THE
WAY BATMAN
SHOULD HAVE.



I DON'T
LIKE BEING
SUMMONED BY
HUMANS.

NOR I, GROOT,
BUT GIVE THEM
A CHANCE TO
SPEAK.

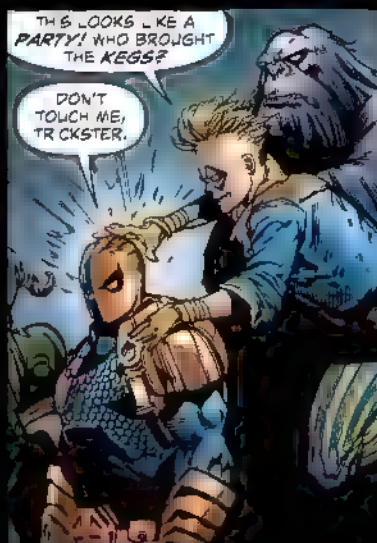


THE CHIMP'S
HERE, COLD.

WE SHOULDN'T
BE. IT'S ONLY A
MATTER OF TIME
BEFORE THE
FLASH AND HIS
FRIENDS SHOW
UP.

STAY QUIET. LISTEN
TO WHAT THEY HAVE
TO SAY. THEN WE
REGROUP AND MAKE
OUR NEXT MOVE.

OH, COME ON, GUYS.
LIGHTEN UP! WHY'S
EVERYONE SO DAMNED
SERIOUS, HUH?



THIS LOOKS LIKE A
PARTY! WHO BROUGHT
THE KEGS?

DON'T
TOUCH ME,
TRICKSTER.



AND STOP
BREATHING
DOWN MY NECK,
MONKEY.

GRRRR
CHAK

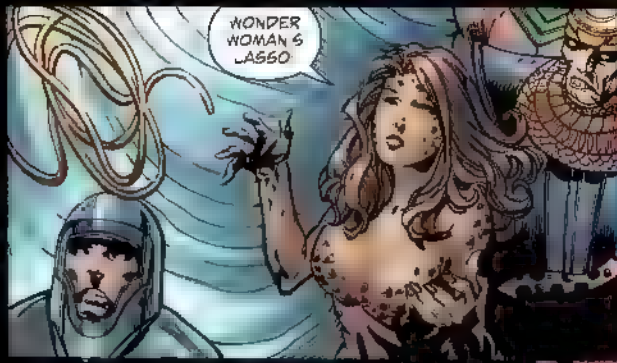
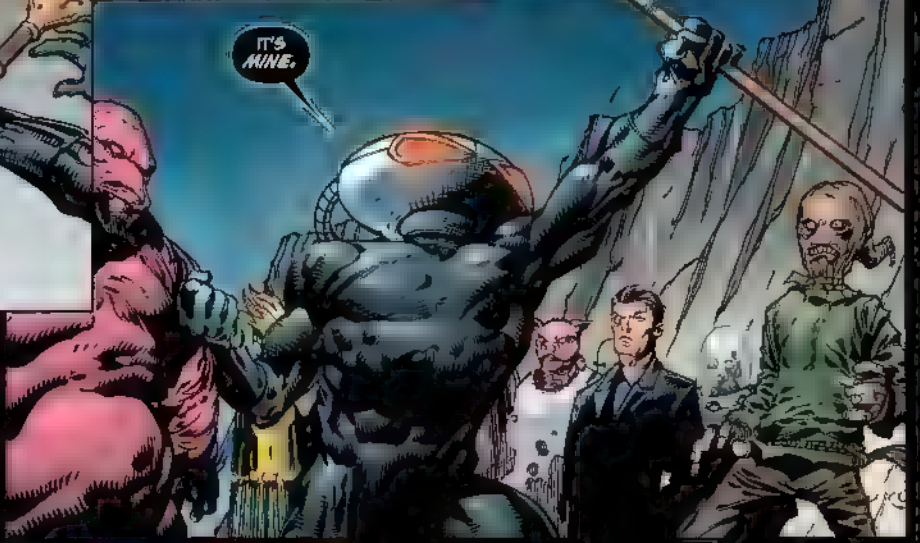
GO AHEAD.
IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE
I MOUNTED SOMETHING
NEW ON MY WALL.



AQUAMAN'S
TRIDENT!



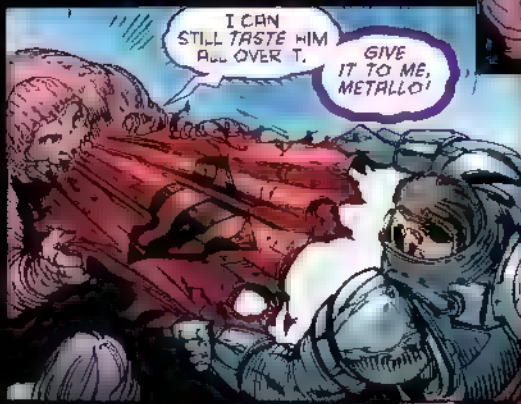
IT'S
MINE.



WONDER
WOMAN'S
LASSO



SUPERMAN'S
CAPE.



I CAN
STILL TASTE HIM
ALL OVER IT.

GIVE
IT TO ME,
METALLO!



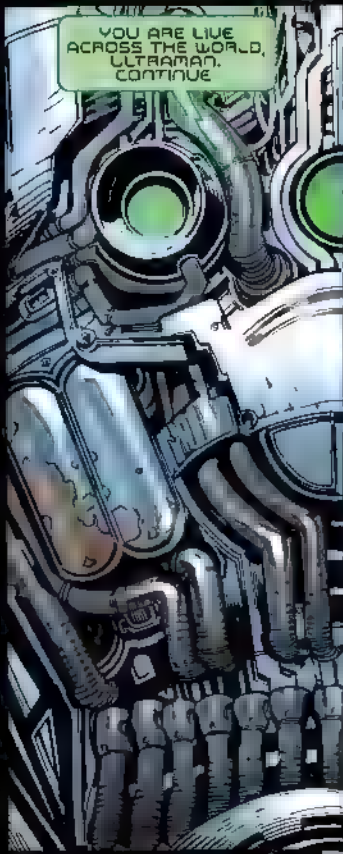
THERE WILL
BE NO DISCORD
AMONG US.

THIS
WORLD IS
OURS.

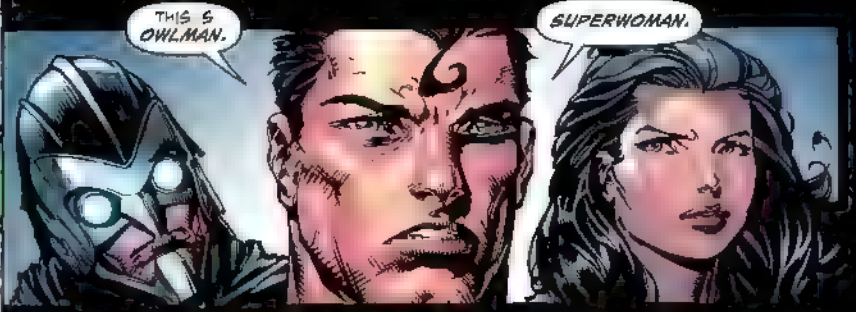


AND THE
JUSTICE
LEAGUE IS
DEAD.

HELL, YES,
THEY ARE.

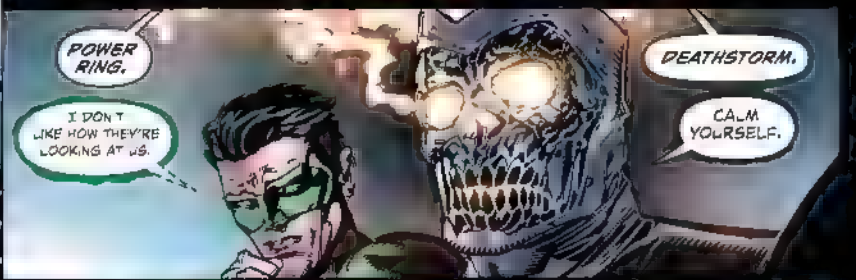


YOU ARE LIVE
ACROSS THE WORLD.
ULTRAMAN.
CONTINUE



THIS IS
OWL-MAN.

SUPERWOMAN.

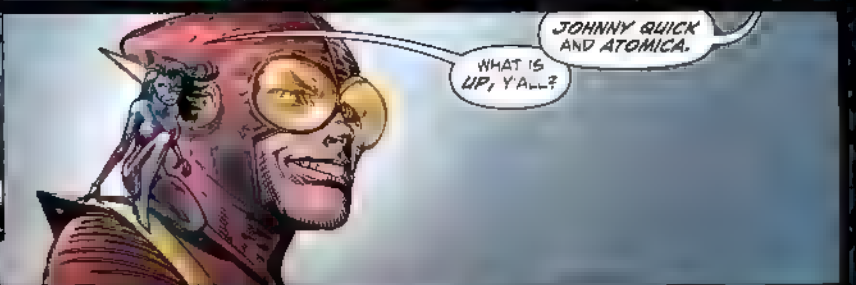


POWER
RING.

I DON'T
LIKE HOW THEY'RE
LOOKING AT US.

DEATHSTORM.

CALM
YOURSELF.



JOHNNY QUICK
AND ATOMICA.

WHAT IS
UP, Y'ALL?



WE HAVE KILLED
THOSE THAT STOOD
AGAINST US WHEN WE
ARRIVED--

WE ARE THE
CRIME SYNDICATE. WE
COME FROM ANOTHER
WORLD.

WE RULED
THAT WORLD UNTIL
THEY TURNED
AGAINST US.

SO WE
DESTROYED
IT.

WE SEARCHED FOR
ANOTHER WORLD TO
CONQUER. AND WE HAVE
CHOSEN THIS ONE.



--WE HAVE
KILLED THE
JUSTICE
LEAGUE.

THIS IS A
TRICK!



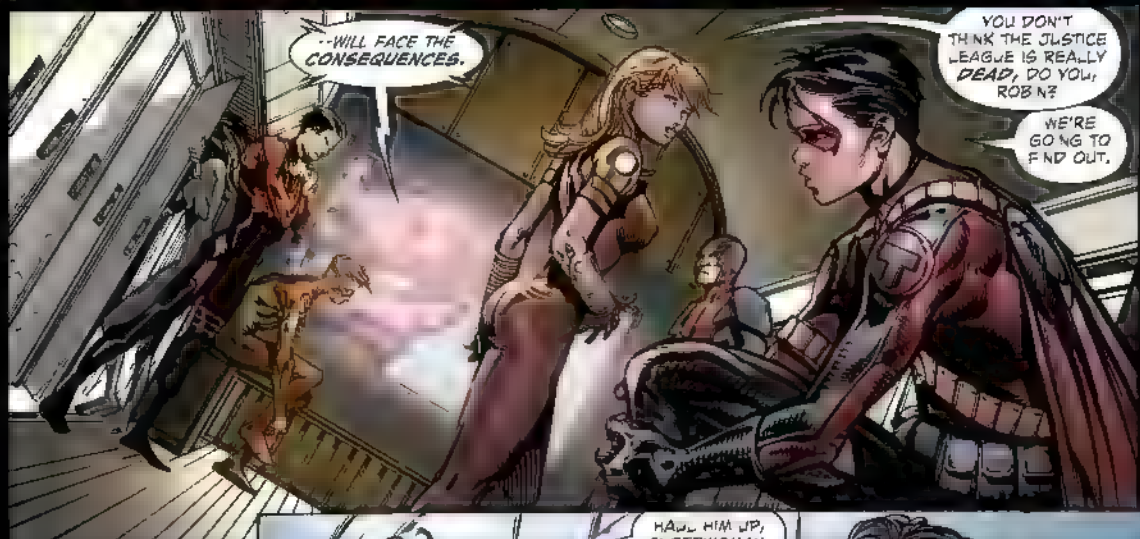
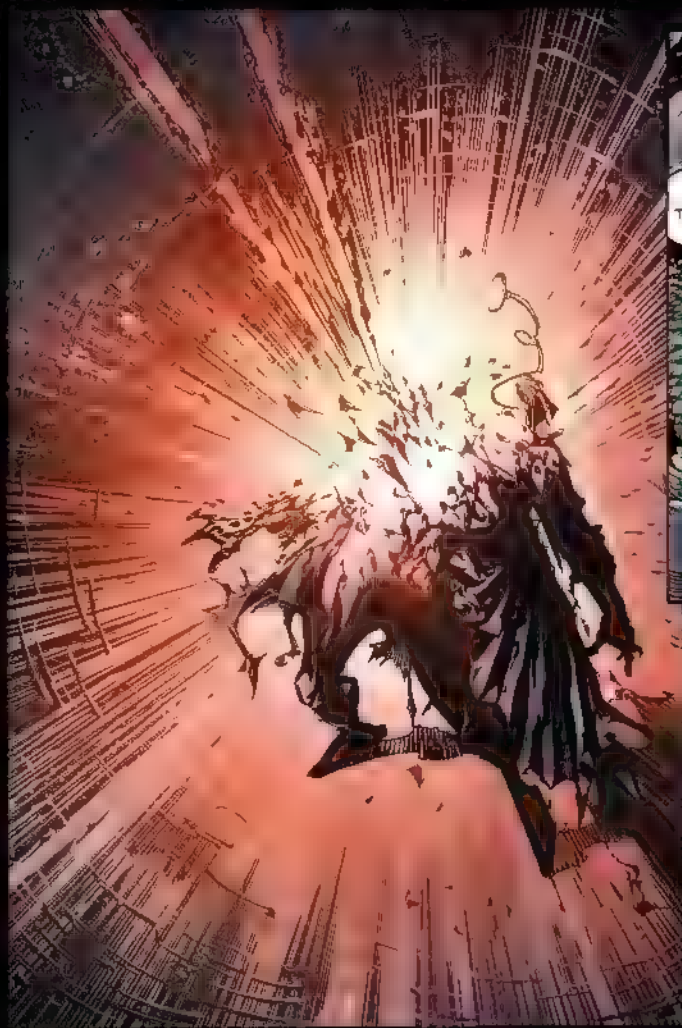
BACK IN ONE
MONOCLE. IF THEY
KILLED THE JUSTICE
LEAGUE--

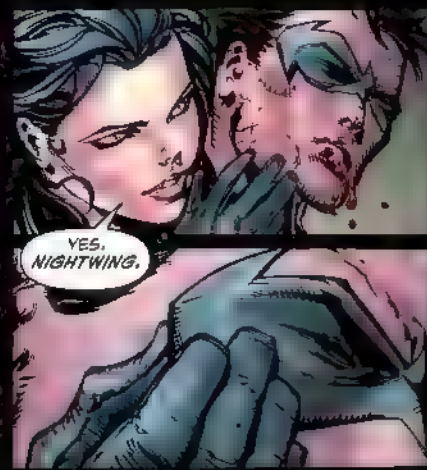
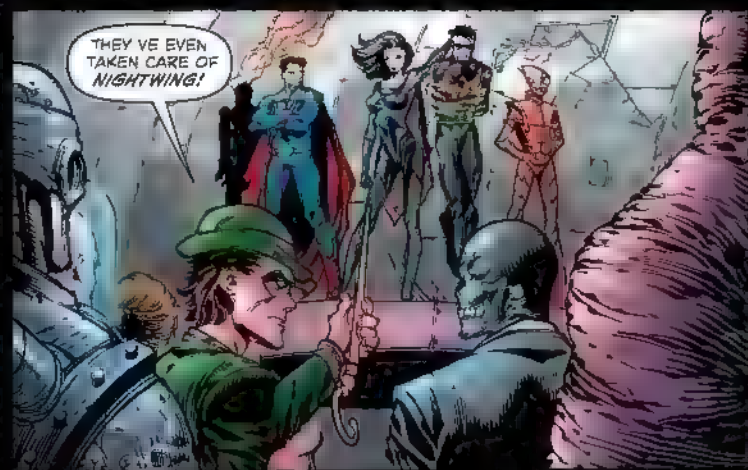
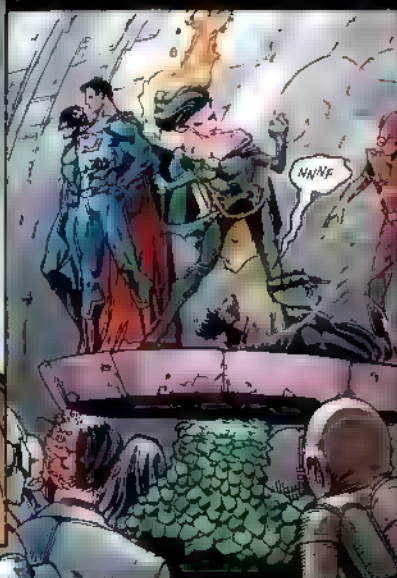
ARE YOU BLIND,
STARRO? LOOK
AT THEM! LOOK
AT HIM!

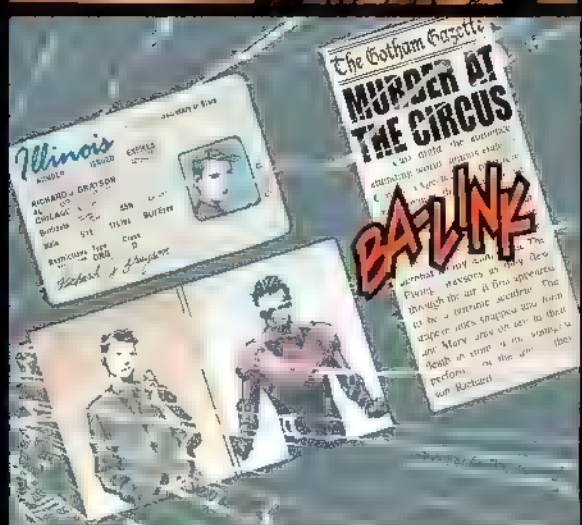
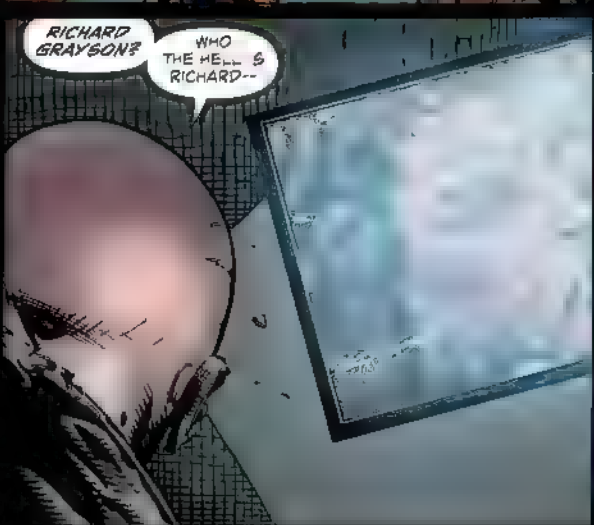
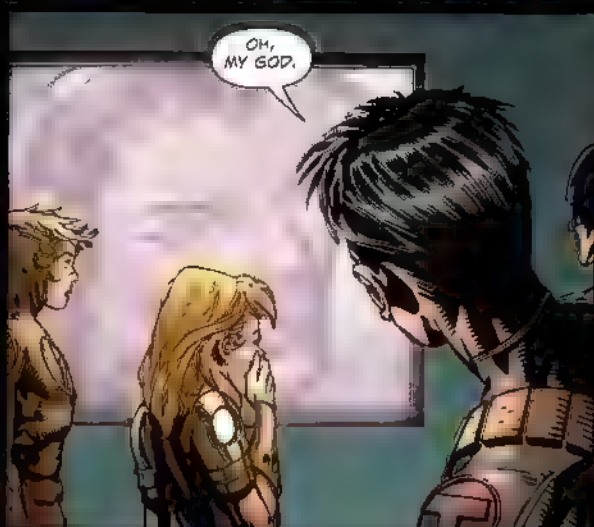
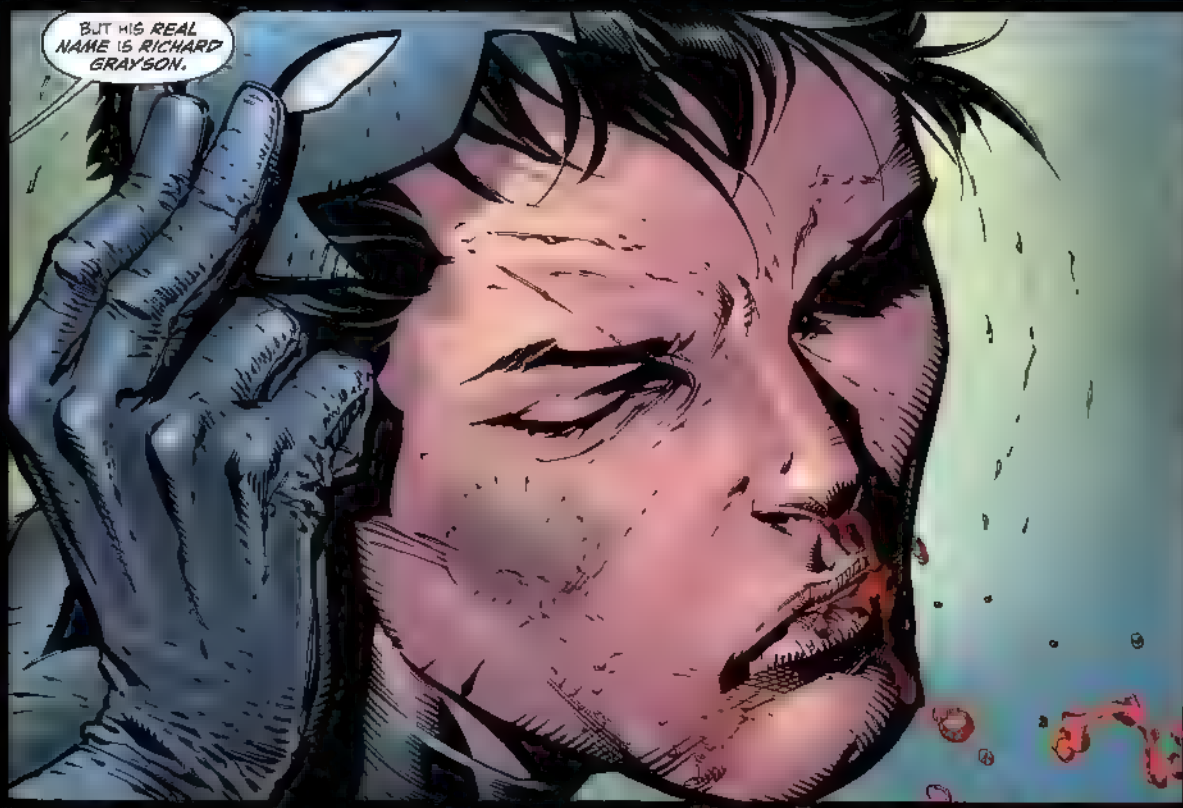
HE LOOKS
EXACTLY LIKE
SUPERMAN! EXCEPT
HE'S GOT A STUPID "W"
ON HIS CHEST.



THE JUSTICE
LEAGUE ISN'T
DEAD. THEY'RE
RIGHT HERE!







YOU'D THINK OWLMAN WOULD TRY TO PROTECT GRAYSON, CONSIDER NG.

THIS ONE IS A COPY OF OWLMAN'S FORMER PARTNER, POWER RING.

AND A WEAKER ONE AT THAT.

GRAYSON HAS MANY FRIENDS AND MANY PLACES HE CALLS HOME.

WE KNOW THEM ALL.

WE WILL HUNT DOWN AND DESTROY EVERYTHING THIS RICHARD GRAYSON CARES ABOUT.

ALL WHO WOULD OPPOSE US--YOU RISK NOT YOUR LIVES, BUT THE LIVES OF THOSE YOU CHERISH.

YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WILL DIE WHILE YOU WATCH.

BUT YOU... YOU ARE OUR ALLIES... OUR SECRET SOCIETY.

OUR ARMY.

WE HAVE WATCHED YOUR WORLD. IT IS A WORLD VERY DIFFERENT FROM OUR OWN.

A WORLD THAT WASTES ITS TIME PROTECTING THE WEAK.

YOUR WORLD FIGHTS AGAINST THE MOST BASIC RULE OF EVOLUTION. NATURAL SELECTION.

THE PROGRESS ON OF THE HUMAN RACE HAS BEEN HALTED BY ALLOWING THOSE WHO OFFER SOCIETY NOTHING TO CONTINUE TO CONSUME PROCREATE AND BREATHE.

THIS PLACE HAS ALLOWED THE INADEQUATE, INCOMPETENT AND IGNORANT TO THRIVE.

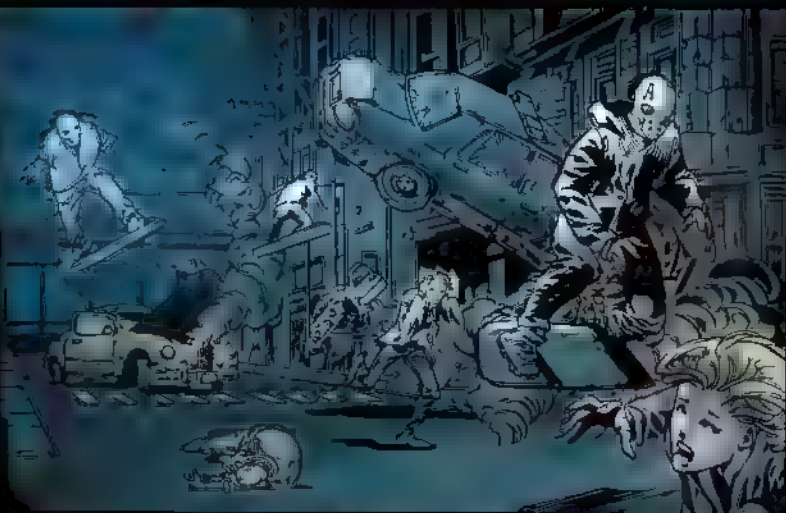
THE DESTITUTE ARE WINNING.

BUT THE WAR IS NOT OVER.

"YOU ARE THE
STRONGEST
THERE ARE.



"YOU WERE GIVEN
YOUR **POWER** FOR
A REASON.



"JOIN US AND
WE WILL TAKE
THIS WORLD
TOGETHER!"

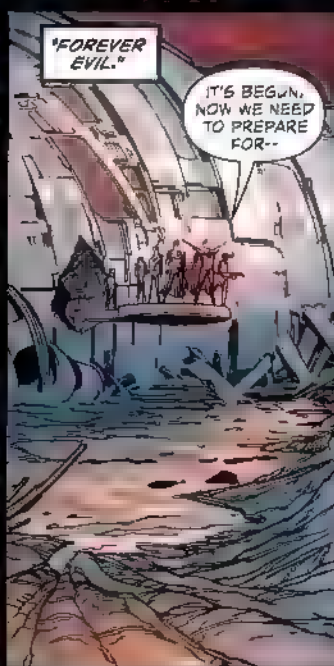


"FOREVER
EVIL."

IT'S BEGUN.
NOW WE NEED
TO PREPARE
FOR--



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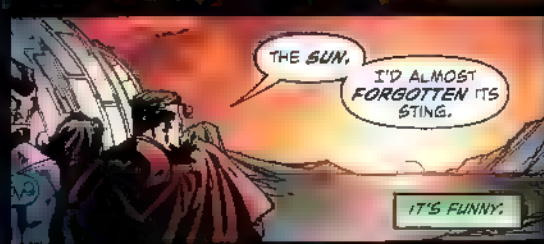
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ULTRAMAN,
ARE YOU--?



THE SUN.

I'D ALMOST
FORGOTTEN ITS
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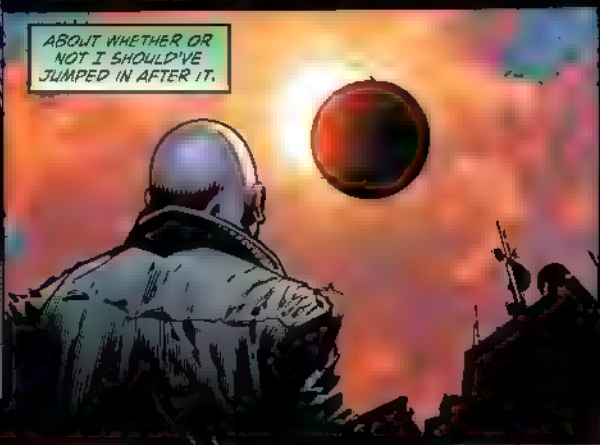


IT'S FUNNY.





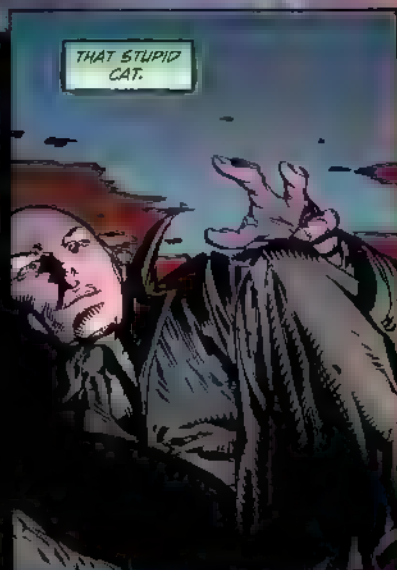
I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THAT CAT OVER THE YEARS.



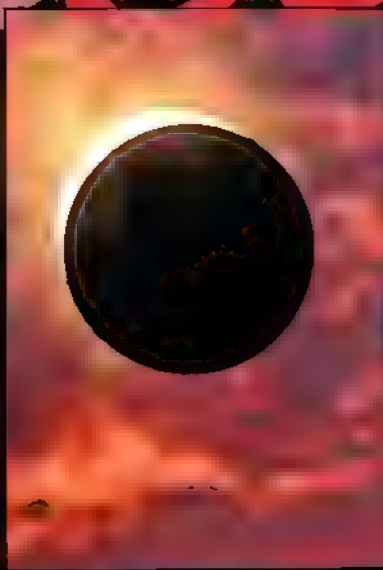
ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT I SHOULD'VE JUMPED IN AFTER IT.



AAHHH!



THAT STUPID CAT.



CAUGHT UP IN A TREE.

THIS IS A JOB FOR SUPERMAN.



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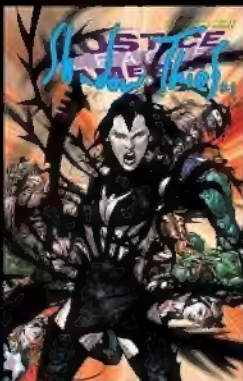
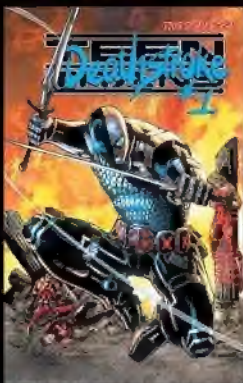
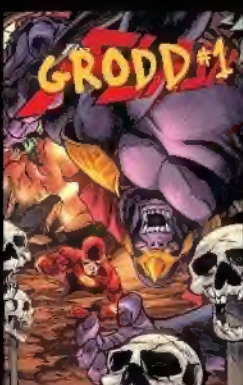
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